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F. J. GREENSTREET PROPRIETOR.

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IS THERE HARM IN DANCING?

Virid opens up the season for dances with a military ball on the 29th inst., and as it is extremely likely that young people will be warned at this time against the so-called evil of this method of amusement during the long winter evenings, we think it not out of place to say a few words in its support. Of course we hold that in this, as in all other questions, much may be said on each side, but we are of opinion that moderation should be used in all things, and that it is useless for one school of thought to put it forth down and say "it shall or it shall not be." There is much that is worthy in the pulpit of the day with regard to the pleasures of the young, and religious society as much if not more, from this straight-laced protection, as from the more liberal views of the day and skepticism. Why is it that our churches are often sadly wanting in youthful members? It is simply because the church is not attractive to them. We once lived in a parish where a more complete system of parental work could scarcely have existed. One of the leagues formed in this parish was called the "Recreation Society." The object of this society was to provide entertainments, such as concerts and plays, operas, etc., for the people belonging to the church, and the weekly practices and rehearsals were in themselves a source of vast amusement to many. Once a year the members gathered together in a large school room, beautifully decorated and lighted, for the purpose of uniting the members of the Young Men's Bible Class and those of the Women's Bible Class. How all looked forward to this "Bible Class Ball"! It was called, and how much all enjoyed it, we can convey no idea. At one of three balls we have seen as many as ten clergymen, all bent upon aiding in the amusement, and keeping up the fun. Indeed, one of these clergymen himself took his turn at the piano, rattling off the music of a gallop as if his whole heart were in the matter. How then, is it that many condemn this pastime as if it were wholly harmful? The Rev. Mr. Thompson, Baptist minister in New York, lately gave forth no unresounding in this matter. He said, "When I was told in church that God was a terror I feared him, but when I was taught by my mother that He loved me, I learned to love Him. Dancing is a religious factor, and is biblically admissible. In the song of Israel, in their triumph over the crowned hosts of Egypt in the Red Sea, they danced. When David returned from the slaughter of the Philistines the women came out of all the cities of Israel singing and dancing. Now, rob the church of all pleasure for the young and you shut the young from the church. Rob the modern dance of its mixture of sexes and it will have lost its real life. I can see no harm in the modern dances when indulged in within the proper limits. That dancing is productive of evil I am only too well aware, as is any one who knows what has gone on at the average public balls of this city. But this is not the fault of the dance any more than the snow is to blame for losing the purity of its whiteness by contact with the earth. The only fatal disease recorded in the Bible is that of the daughter of Herodias, which resulted in the death of John the Baptist. I tell you freely, therefore, that you may dance, leaving it to your own conscience to mark the line between temperance and excess."

MR. T. M. DALY.

Mr. T. M. Daly has been congratulated upon his appointment to the office of Minister of the Interior, in place of the Hon. Mr. Dewdney, who leaves Ottawa next week for Victoria, where he will assume the duties of Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia. There is no doubt about it that the member for Selkirk is the right man in the right place, and that he will prove to his country, to his colleagues and to his constituents that he is an able, as

well as an upright man, fully competent to undertake the arduous duties appertaining to the holder of his portfolio. Ever since Mr. Daly first entered the political field as a candidate for the House in this Electoral Division, he has been before the eyes of the people, who have watched his every action and have often predicted that his ability would bring him into the front rank. It is strange, however, that these same political foes will also recognize this fact by opposing Mr. Daly's candidature in the field when the time arrives for the new minister to present himself before his constituents for re-election.

PRICE OF WHEAT.

A year ago about this time most Manitoba papers contained many items predicting higher prices for wheat later in the year, and to encourage farmers to hold their wheat. It is strange, however, that these same papers are about all advising the farmers to sell as soon as they can, as there is no reason to hope for higher prices. Notwithstanding this advice tendered so freely, we contend that the outlook for higher prices is better than it was a year ago. Wheat is now 21 to 22 cents per bushel lower than it was a year ago, which is in itself a strong feature, while the world's crop this year, according to the best information obtainable, is smaller than it was last year. It is not true that the probable wheat supplies are excessive this year. Stocks of breadstuffs in store in principal countries are some what larger than a year ago. This includes some old wheat carried over. But reserve stocks in a number of countries, not included in usual estimates such as India, are known to be very light, which fully balances the situation. According to the Liverpool "Corn Trade News," (an undisputed authority) there is a deficiency of 102,000,000 bushels of wheat in the crops this year of the principal wheat countries, as compared with last year.

Manitoba papers seem to have a mistaken idea of the statistical situation of wheat this year. It is a mistake to believe that the world's visible wheat stocks are excessive, though they are large in the States and Britain, than a year ago. It is a mistake to believe that the world's crop is excessive this year. It is a very moderate crop, and all authorities agree that it is smaller than last year. When we add to this the fact that wheat prices are very much lower than a year ago, there is much reason to hope for higher values later on. — *Continued.*

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

In writing for the press, while being explicit, the correspondent should make the statement as brief as possible. The ordinary conversation, talk may be cheap in the newspaper words cost time and money. Time is consumed by the editor and proof reader; money is expended in putting it in type, and time is occupied by the readers in perusing it. Therefore each word should convey as much significance as possible.

The chirography of great writers is sometimes very bad, but bad penmanship does not make a man a great writer. It is not an evidence of genius to write the first and last letter of a word and leave the editor to guess at what is between. Write very plainly taking care to write names of persons, dates and places with the utmost distinctness.

Numbers your sheets and write on but one side. Thus the paper containing your communication may, if necessary, be cut up and distributed among several correspondents.

As a rule in short articles never use the pronouns I or you, place your own record of the news in all that is required. If necessary for the writer to refer to himself it is better to say "Your Correspondent" or "The Writer."

Never waste your time and the editor's by complimenting him on his "brilliant paper." Commence at once with the subject in hand and close when you are done. Correspondents should carefully guard against allowing his own opinions to warp or bias his report of the sayings and doings of others, thus giving almost without his being conscious of the fact, an untruthful representation. A plain unvarnished report should be made and nothing else.

Much discretion should be exercised in the personal mention of individuals. A dozen words, thoughtfully written, may do irreparable injury to the reputation of an innocent person, a paragraph in praise may add to the life long happiness and prosperity of the individual on whom it is bestowed. As a general rule while praise may be given, if wrongs exist it is better to speak of them in general terms, rather than couple them with names of individuals at fault; though if a person be notoriously persistent in a course of wrong doing, justice demands newspaper exposure. — *Moore Law Times.*

ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Our Public Schools were opened in November, 1885 by Miss Traquair. This was the first experience of school life to most of the pupils. Under Miss Traquair's supervision the progress was marked, and approved by those who took an interest in this all important work. The attendance the first year was about 18.

In 1888 Mr. J. W. Bond succeeded Miss Traquair. Under his management the work of the school was continued, good progress. The attendance averaged 20 during this year.

W. H. Elliott took charge after vacation, 1890, till January 1891. The attendance increased considerably about this time.

Our present teacher, Mr. T. S. Taylor, succeeded Mr. Elliott. During 1891, and the first half of this present year, the school has increased very rapidly in numbers. New seats were put into the school in the fall of 1891 to accommodate forty-six children. There are now forty-six names on the register, of which fifty attend very regularly. The work has progressed satisfactorily. The pupils have taken pains with their work and have been able to make creditable exhibitions of it at Winnipeg, Brandon, and Virid Conventions.

Miss M. Buckingham obtained a Third Class certificate in July, 1891, and Miss R. Birmingham also in July 1892.

In the spring of the present year, arrangements were completed for the erection of a new school building. This is now nearly completed. It is two stories, and built of stone after the most approved modern style, especially as to light, heating and ventilation. Both rooms are to be heated by a furnace from the basement. The building will accommodate one hundred pupils.

An assistant teacher is to be engaged, and the school will be divided into two departments.

— *Winnipeg Free Press.*

WALLACE COUNCIL MEETING.

At the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Wallace held in Virid on Saturday, Mr. John Anderson, instructed to keep the streets of Elkhorn clear from all obstructions such as farm implements, etc., and to pound all horses, cattle, pigs and geese, etc., that "stroll" about the streets.

The general school tax rate was struck at two mills on the dollar, and the judicial tax at one-half mill on dollar. No general tax.

The arrangement between the C. P. R. and the Municipality, was agreed to and ratified, the amount, aggregating to about \$100, being divided up between the school, the roads and bridges.

7,000 acres of N. W. L. Co's lands are to be taxed each year.

Final arrangements were made for the sale to be held in Elkhorn, on the 20th.

Instructions were given to the Sec. Treas. to use and receive for all unpaid grain notes.

A grant of \$75.00 was given toward completing the road between Woodworth and Wallace, north of Virid.

ANTI-TREATING & ANTI-DRINKING.

To the Editor of the District Advocate:—

DEAR SIR, Permit me through the columns of your own paper, to congratulate you on the publication of the "Anti-Treating and Anti-Drinking Society," and to heartily wish it a long and useful career. I claim the privilege of criticizing some of the principles expressed in its pages. Your article on the "Anti-Treating Society" was a very desirable movement, but itself incomplete to grapple the evil so urgently requiring reform; and moreover unnecessary, from the fact that an "Anti-Treating Society" does exist already, the existence of which you must have been perfectly acquainted with, from the report of a meeting of the R. T. of T. given in your paper.

Regarding its incompetence to eradicate the drinking custom of the day, of which you are obviously well aware, it only requires reflection that the society has ever yet been formed, has been successful in rectifying this evil, except total abstinence and the projected society must eventually suffer the same fate as the "one glass a day society," where a sharp wittever had a glass made to hold a gallon. In regard to its unnecessary character, it is obviously useless to attempt running any more societies in Elkhorn, with any show of success. Especially of the kind in question as the objects of the R. T. of T. or any temperance society is anti-treating, but is in addition, anti-drinking too.

Your article, undoubtedly may do good, and probably arouse an interesting discussion; but in one respect, I regret its appearance, because it gives the impression that the use of liquor is an essential element of social enjoyment. This, I claim to be a delusion, and a snare, for while the devotees of Bacchus, may no regard it, there is much social enjoyment of an elevating and enjoyable character, where the use of intoxicating liquors is strictly prohibited. As an illustration of this fact, the reception given on Wednesday evening, by Rev. R. G. and Mrs. Stevenson, was as enjoyable and sociable (with nothing stronger than tea or coffee) as any social gathering given in this town. While we freely admit that much time, money and trouble, could be utilized for better and higher purposes, it cannot be accomplished as successfully by the anti-treating society, as by anti-drinking. If you will devote your editorial ability to the "total prohibition for the individual, and the nation," you will add to your influence, help to a higher social enjoyment, and bring money and time, will thus be more profitably employed.

Respectfully A SOCIAL REFORMER.
Elkhorn, Oct 24-1892.

THE CURLING CLUB.

To the Editor of the District Advocate:—

DEAR SIR, While not wishing to throw cold water upon the Curling Club, I would suggest that Elkhornites go it very easy in this matter. Our town is no exception to the rule that a new broom sweeps clean, and perhaps this applies more in the way of amusement than anything else. Here are a few things, which in my memory have been started with a good deal of enthusiasm, and which, as they are now never heard of, we may presume are dead.

"The Mock Parliament," a half ball club, a lawn tennis club, a football club, a lacrosse club, an open skating rink, an orchestra society, a glee club, and last but not least a bicycle club. Now, Mr. editor, where are these clubs and societies now? Some were got up by public subscription, and all were a source of amusement for a few weeks. But now we must have a curling club. What will it cost \$500.00? Well, if people wish to have a curling club, let them have one. Amusement for a few, who have no better way of spending their time, well and good. It is no particular business of mine; but I cannot help thinking that there are "ways and means" of spending this money in a more useful manner. It is a great advantage to the many. Of course I am in the wrong, and I am open to correction.

Wishing the Advocate every success.

Yours Truly,
LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP!

TIME IS FLYING.
and as quickly as night follows day we find ourselves peacefully drifting into another season.
The immense piles of Fall Goods that we are showing will bear testimony to the fact that
IT WILL NOT ALWAYS BE SUMMER.

OUR STOCK OF fall dress goods
is adapted to fill the wants of every lady. Buying direct from the manufacturers enables us to present this season to our customers Dress Goods unapproachable in Style, Quality and Price.

LinenS.
Table Linens, Napkins, Towels, Towelings, Tickings, &c., direct importations at regular wholesale prices.

OUR Clothing Department
is in excellent trim. We are showing an extended stock of Men's Clothing, Suits commencing at \$7, All-Wool Pants commencing at \$1.50, Suits in Tweeds, Worsteds, Sackes, Unwaives, Excellent Values, New Patterns, First-class Fit. Bear in mind we have the stock to select from, and if the prices don't suit you need not buy. We guarantee to fit you every time. The prices are away down, for we bought them right.

BOOTS & SHOES.
The new stock of Ladies' and Gents' Boots and Shoes, just arrived, has been bought at a very Low Price. As it is impossible to give you an idea of the variety and cheapness of this stock, come and see for yourselves. We can save you from 10 to 50 per cent. No trouble to show them.

Groceries
Since it is a self evident fact that you must eat to live, we desire to present to your economical attention our complete stock of General Groceries at Lowest Prices. A discount of 5, 10 and 17 per cent, allowed for Cash.

R. M. COOMBS AND COMPANY.
RICHILL AVENUE, ELKHORN, MAN.

NEW MEAT MARKET.
RICHILL A. ENUE, ELKHORN.
Sausages, Fresh Meat, Ice

For Sale.
ORDERS TAKEN & MEAT DELIVERED IN ANY PART OF THE TOWN. PRICES AWAY DOWN.

JOHN H. ANGUS, PROPRIETOR.

FOR NEW & CHEAP DRY GOODS, Boots and Shoes, READY-MADE CLOTHING, FUR OVERCOATS, CROCKERY, HARDWARE, GROCERIES, TEAS, (Great Value)

New goods COMING Daily, GO TO McLEOD'S

THE ORIGINAL MEAT MARKET
NEXT TO BROADLEYS LUMBER YARD.
FRESH AND BALT MEATS AT LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

Best prices GIVEN FOR HIDES, WOOL, &c.
E. MUTTON'S WELL-KNOWN sausages
always on hand.

SHOE-MAKER.
(opposite Cavanagh Hotel.)
BOOTS AND Shoes
made to order; also mended and REPAIRED.
Material and workmanship second to none.

J. MIDDLETON, Contractor and CARPENTER.
Repairs of Buggies, Backboards, Cutters, Wagons Carts, Farm machinery, or implements of any kind promptly attended to.
Window frames, Door frames or other house work made to order on the shortest notice.
Painting, paper hanging, sign writing. Contracts taken for the erection of buildings in town.
Orders promptly attended to; satisfaction guaranteed.

J. Preston
New Shop, [opposite Cavanagh Hotel.]
TAILORING.
done in all its branches.
Gentlemen's suits made to order. Lowest possible living prices. Over 100 pieces to choose from.
Good fit and good workmanship GUARANTEED.
Clothes repaired, cleaned and pressed.
N. B. Parties bringing their OWN MATERIAL can have same made up to order.

J. SIMINGTON
Builder and Contractor.
SOMERVILLE & Co.,
MARBLE AND GRANITE WORKS,
BRANDON.
SEND FOR CATALOGUE.

Cavanagh HOTEL.
First-class accommodation for Travellers.
GOOD COMMERCIAL AND BILLIARD ROOMS.
Stage DEPOT
FOR KOLA AND BIRTEL (VIA BEULAH.)
GOOD LIVERY
AND STABLES in connection
T. D. CAVANAUGH, PROP.
CARETAKER WANTED: FOR THE winter months, to take charge of the Elkhorn Public School; also the of the Presbyterian Church. Apply to the BROADWAY, ELKHORN.

TOWN TALK.

They are the abstract and brief chronicles of the town. Edited by H. M. Coombs & Co.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20th, 1892.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

October 20th, 1892.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.
REV. R. C. STEVENSON, RECTOR.
 11 A. M.
 Elkhorn.
 McGregor's School house, 7:30 P. M.

PRESBYTERIAN.
REV. W. PENMAN, MINISTER.
 Two Creeks, 11 A. M.
 Hargrave, 4 P. M.
 Elkhorn, 7:30 P. M.

METHODIST.
REV. T. M. TALBOT, MINISTER.
 Elkhorn, 11 A. M.
 Mosell, 3 P. M.
 Woodville, 7:30 P. M.

We regret to hear of the illness of Mr. A. E. Wilson.

Mr. Cavanagh is putting up a slaughter house on his farm.

Groceries are way down low at R. M. Coombs & Co.

Mr. Hill's house was burned down on Friday by a prairie fire.

On account of the wet weather Rev. R. C. Stevenson did not take his outside appointment on Sunday last.

Our local blacksmith, Mr. J. Taggart, is building a kitchen in the new house he had built on his lot in the spring.

Mr. J. H. Angus has bought the old school house which he is going to fit up as a residence.

Dress Goods entirely new and novel at R. M. Coombs & Co.

There is some talk of getting up fortnightly assemblies this winter, but as yet no arrangements have been completed.

These rainy days make you feel cold. Come over and see us, we will give you a new suit of heavy underwear from \$7.00 up. R. M. Coombs & Co.

Mrs. E. F. Wilson and the two Misses Wilson arrived on Friday morning and are staying at the Indian House, Mr. A. E. Wilson returned from Winnipeg by the same train, bringing several new pupils with him.

The idea that there is nothing new under the sun is an exploded idea, because of the new prices of the new goods now being piled up on R. M. Coombs & Co's counters.

The station is being beautified by a fresh coat of paint. A gang of men arrived on Saturday, who have since been kalsomining the inside and painting the outside walls. Though the color is somewhat of a brilliant blue, it will make a vast improvement to the look of the town.

We are happy to state that Mrs. Bradford is again able to get around, and contemplates leaving for the old country in a few days, where she intends spending the winter, and hopes to return strong and robust in the spring, in which hope her friends join.

Our Grandmothers wore homespun dresses in ye olden times. We can supply you with the nicest lot of dress goods at such rock bottom prices that knock granny's boasted homespun higher than a kite. R. M. Coombs & Co.

From the Parish and Home: A copy of the first issue of the Elkhorn Advocate has just been handed us. In it we find many readable and very interesting items. We wish the editor every success in this undertaking, and trust that he will ever keep in view the fact that the ADVOCATE may be a mighty power for good in this district, if thoughtfully and wisely edited, and on the other hand if this fact is lost sight of, it may be a great power for evil.

Everything was running near Smith thought he would buy some wheat. On the market took his stand with the elevator band. Bought a load and took it in. Tried to hit the shipping bin. Quite forgot to close the slide, so the grain all ran out. Donaldson came from the agent. "Where the mischief is that wheat? Slowly pigs were on the track, now they all look sleek and fat. (Moral)—Keep away from farmers' tips—Betrayal and mind the pigs.

The meeting of supporters of the curling club on Friday evening, was not very well attended, partly, no doubt, on account of the very wet and dark night. Mr. Cushman presented a good list of subscribers names, and after the matter had been fully discussed, it was agreed that the membership was already large enough to warrant the club closing finally with Mr. Hargrave for the rest of the rink. It is, therefore, the intention of Mr. Broadway to erect the building as soon as he can.

Scenic club breaks up small under the influence of the weather. Break up the influence of the weather by wearing one of the new fur coats in Ladies and Gents goods, kept by R. M. Coombs & Co.

Our public and private buildings have during the last few days been put to a severe test, for if any of them did not leak or are not wet inside from the rain, they may safely be credited as good houses. Water is most abundant these days, pressed down, running over. On Railway Avenue there is quite a large lake, and traffic along there without wet boots is unpleasant. If ever the need of sidewalks was felt it must be by those unfortunate pedestrians who have the misfortune to live on Railway Avenue.

The R. T. of T. meeting on Tuesday evening was postponed until next week.

Stationery is always new and moving at R. M. Coombs & Co.

The Municipal Council had their photographs taken in a group on Saturday.

Shirts and Shirts entirely new stock at R. M. Coombs & Co.

We wish to express our sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Wainwright in the loss of their youngest child.

Mr. W. J. Dixon has made arrangements to send his barber up to Fleming every Friday, for the "execution" of the "tribunal art."

Flannels and Flannellettes of all kinds at R. M. Coombs & Co.

Some of our boys are wishing they had a few thousands of dollars to visit a better place out of this cold, snowy, rainy, windy weather, i. e. if they can find one.

The first snow usually does not last long, but it makes walking very bad. Get a pair of Coombs & Co's new rubbers and you don't need to care.

Preparations are being made for a grand concert to be given in the new school house about the first of the month.

Suits and Clothing, big snags at R. M. Coombs & Co.

Measles, Coughs and Angina have been around begging subscriptions for the removal and repairs of Mrs. Gordon's shanty as it obstructs the view of Mr. Kerahaw's new stone house.

Down since the thermometer, and keep its pace with the weather, you will find prices way down at zero in Furs and Underwear daily at the big store of Coombs & Co.

Notwithstanding the bad weather and almost impossible condition of the roads, the British stage arrived all good and safe on Monday afternoon, although the stage driver got wetted through four coats and three shirts.

We regret to hear of the death of Mr. M. Madaw's child from cholera infantum. The funeral took place at Kale on Tuesday. Rev. R. C. Stevenson officiating.

The old times are gone, and so art most of the old goods—we are now offering our new lines at unheard of prices. R. M. Coombs & Co.

Sunday was the sacrament day at the Presbyterian church. A preparatory service was held by Rev. W. Penman on the Thursday evening previous which was ably attended.

Men's Fur Coats, Ladies' Astrakhan Jackets and Unders. Boys Overcoats and Fur Caps and Mitts to fit everybody can be bought cheap at R. M. Coombs & Co's.

A meeting will be held on Monday night, Oct. 25th, at 7:30 o'clock, in Broadway's Hall, to consider the advisability of appointing a Director of the Farmers' and Provisional Loan Company. All farmers and business men are invited to attend.

The Lake of the Woods elevator has just been undergoing repairs. Owing to negligence or laziness of the builders several beams at the south east corner had been left unnailed and became loose. It was almost impossible, and all out-door work has been suspended. This makes it bad all round, as there are several build ings unfinished and it has been a race for some time between the workmen and the summer, to see which would be finished first.

One of the heaviest snow and rain storms that we have had has been raging here for the last few days. The streets are almost impassable, and all out-door work has been suspended. This makes it bad all round, as there are several build ings unfinished and it has been a race for some time between the workmen and the summer, to see which would be finished first.

The grain trade seems to hang fire. Very little grain is being marketed, and what little of it that comes in is being monopolized by the milling companies. The agitated condition of the market has about settled down again to its normal condition, and from 60c per bush last week, it is now about 55c. again. As yet very little No. 1 hard wheat has been marketed, so far having chiefly graded No. 2.

We hear that Mr. George Rogers lost his dog the other day, and offered \$3.00 reward to whoever should find it. This set a number of the boys on the hunt, and it is said that after a long search he was found tied to Milton's sausage machine. Mr. Van, who found him, says that he seemed loath to leave the shop, although he had seen the owner of the machine preparing for operations he would have been thankful for his delivery and freedom. We have not heard that the reward was paid.

Speaking of dogs, we took a run into the country the other day on our bicycle, and on the way home a small speck of a sky terrier made a dash at the wheel, bent on tasting the tire. The beast, however, miscalculated our speed, and a slight jolt, as the wheel passed over him, accompanied by a nearly yelp, was all the result. He recovered himself, and the last seen of him as the wheel sped on, he was pondering over the latest earthquake, as he sat in a cloud of dust watching the retreating wheel.

The foundations and cellar of the Methodist church are dry, and are now awaiting the disappearance of the floods, and the appearance of the carpenters. Some delay has been caused in regard to the money loan, but as this now a right the building is being put right away and work will be pushed as rapidly as possible. It is to be regretted, however, that the building of the church has been left till so late in the season, as it is feared the contractor cannot complete his contract early enough to get it ready this fall for use.

PULPIT POINTERS AND PIOUS PHRASES PIQUANTLY PUT.

It was my good fortune to be in the audience of a sermon by the Rev. Mr. J. C. Taggart, of the Methodist Church, on Sunday evening last, showing the true phase of religion as living, working, doing, and not narrowed down to dogmas, creeds or ceremonies. The text was taken from Micah, VI, 3. "Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before God." During the sermon the following pointers were selected:

"Sin always comes from selfishness. All that God asks any one to do is to 'love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly before Him.'"

"The only sins we are not forgiven of God are those sins we don't confess."

"The Jewish ceremonies were only objects to teach them love, righteousness and purity."

"Baptism and Sacrament are non-essential and only object lessons. Does not make a bit of difference the way it is applied."

"In regard to Baptism the Methodists are as far wrong in thinking that sprinkling is right as the Baptists are in claiming that immersion is only right."

"The essence of pure religion is nothing but a fulfillment of the text."

Log Shanty Farm, Wallace Cross Roads, Oct. 19, 1892.

DEAR ADVOCATE,

In the classical language of my forefathers, I give you my humble thanks for the 'Advocate' of the country, hope you have 'come to stay' and that the Advocate while representing our district will be a power for good and a terror to evil doers. Your cleanly printed, neat, new and bright paper is a credit to you and an honor to Elkhorn, and will no doubt receive the cordial support it deserves. If an occasional string of gossip from this unromantic quarter will be of any interest it will surely be forth coming; for though I don't very often write either Elkhorn or Virden, my occasional residence is located within easy hail of the roads leading to both of those enterprising centres, and being of a sociable nature, am favored with numerous calls from passers-by, and hear a good deal of what goes on in our own little world, and besides taking a weekly paper, which every man should do, I borrow liberally from my neighbors and so try and keep posted in the events of the outside world.

A propos of being sociable, I once heard of a person who was as being 'one who, when he has ten minutes to spare goes and bothers some one who has not' and think it is nearly correct. The rumor that Mr. T. M. Daly is likely to be appointed Minister of the Interior, will I assure be received with very great satisfaction by all Manitobans, and especially by his constituents. While not an ardent supporter of that gentleman, I am free to assert that there is no other member from Manitoba so well qualified for the position as he. He is a man of high character, of whom we have heard much, and as for other available men in the House we want none of them. As a great deal of the work of that Department pertains to the great west, a western man should be at its head, and none is better qualified for the position than Mr. Daly, who, I venture to say will be re-elected by acclamation.

What has become of the editorial writer of the 'Advocate'? It is a pity to see the position of a paper in which we look for dispassionate, unprejudiced, and well informed editing, occupied for two weeks with an advertising puff.

There is a good joke going the rounds at Virden at the expense of a prominent supporter of the late member for Dennis. Did you hear of the apoplexy of Mr. So-and-so has got a reward for fidelity to his party? 'No what is it?' Why, he has been appointed assistant hangman to the new Sheriff of Portage la Prairie.

This is an excellent opportunity for the promotion of the Virden Reading Room to push matters forward. Many young men would now be glad to take advantage of it, who before the fire might prefer to put their time in 'sitting around' and when once they realize the moral discipline, will become active supporters and add great strength to it.

I was glad to see you so strongly endorse the Elkhorn Library, and hope your words will bear fruit. If more were done towards providing some place to attract young men where their surroundings would appeal to their better nature, there would be less complaint about their congregating in hotels, which appear to be about the only places open to them. This is a subject on which the temperance societies might expend some of their surplus brain power.

From all reports St. Mark's Church, Elkhorn, must have been handsomely decorated for the Harvest Thanksgiving Services. Many have spoken highly of its appearance, and labor thus expended is never lost.

The reception by the popular pastor and his equally popular wife appears to have been quite the event of the season, and I will make it a point to attend should there be a repetition any time.

A rumor reaches me from Virden that that angry body, the Council of Wallace, have been getting photographed! Oh, 'Vanity of Vanities, all is Vanity.' I will keep my eyes open Mr. Editor, and try next time to furnish more interesting gossip.

VIRIDEN.

About three hundred invitations have been sent out for the annual ball of 'The Company, West Manitoba Light Infantry' which will take place in the town hall Virden, Tuesday evening, Oct. 25th. A large turnout and a good time is expected.

The Wallace Council met in the office of the Sec. Treas. on Saturday last.

The foundation for Modern, Ramsey & Casfield's new hotel building on the corner of Seventh Ave. and Wellington St., is nearing completion.

Mr. Neil Burdick, the humorous rectifier is getting entangled in this week in Courts, Ramsey and Melita.

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